MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether cases of malaria were confined to these eastern *pakuthies* of these taluks?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI (*Director of Public Health*): The disease is confined to almost all the taluks in the eastern half of Travancore.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Member whether the cause for malaria in these eastern *pakuthies* or the eastern half of the taluks is due to the presence of swampy areas inside the forests?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI (*Director of Public Health*): Not necessarily, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether any investigation has been undertaken to ascertain this fact by the department?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI (*Director of Public Health*): Yes, Sir.

PRESIDENT: The answer to part (*a*) says that certain investigations were conducted.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government when the investigations were taken up and completed?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI (*Director of Public Health*): Investigation was started in 1106 and is going to be completed; it is not yet over.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the results so far of the investigation?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI (*Director of Public Health*): It is too elaborate a question to be answered, Sir.

PRESIDENT: You will have to write a thesis in answer to that question?

Next question, please.

Filling up of acting vacancies in the Primary Schools.

218. *MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the appointments made to acting vacancies in Primary Girls' Schools of the Quilon Division were in accordance with the priority in the list of acting teachers;

(*b*) whether any deviation has been made to this rule in the case of any appointment; and

(*c*) if so, the reason for it?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Yes, as far as possible.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) When the senior-most person in the waiting list is not available for appointment, the next senior is appointed. Applicants from unrepresented backward communities are also occasionally given preference.

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know, Sir, how many such deviations were made since the inspectorate reform in the Quilon Division in the matter of appointments ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Four or five.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know, Sir, how many deviations were made under the first clause, namely, on account of the absence of the senior-most person in the waiting list being not available ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Three, Sir,

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know, Sir, how many appointments were made under the second clause, namely, the provision for back-ward communities ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Two, Sir.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know, Sir, which communities were provided for under that head ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : I shall require notice of that question.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know from the Government whether the Government can assure the House that deviations have been made in the matter of appointments over-looking the acting claims only on these two grounds ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : That is the assurance given to me by the Divisional Inspector.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether the Government will enquire into the matter ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : I have enquired into the matter and the report is that deviations have been made only on these two grounds.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether the Government are satisfied merely with the statement of the Divisional Inspector regarding the appointments made by him ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : It was not a statement, Sir. It was a report after an enquiry.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know who enquired into the matter ?

MR. C. V. CHADRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : I enquired into the matter, Sir.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know the nature of the enquiry ?

PRESIDENT : Well, all these series of questions, I suppose, could have been avoided if the honourable member could give instances in which appointment has been made except on these two general grounds. The contention which the honourable member is aiming at is that there are other considerations also on which appointments were made. Will the honourable member be good enough to mention them ?

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MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : I shall be glad if the honourable member would give me some specific instances.

PRESIDENT : That will help the department to enquire and find out whether the report of the Inspector from which the Director has prepared and placed his answer before the House is correct or not.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : I shall give the information, Sir, but I cannot legitimately do so at this moment.

PRESIDENT : Certainly you can give. I do not see why you should not. I am here to help the administration and to rectify any irregularity if it exists.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : I cannot give the information here.

PRESIDENT : I think I have suggested to the member that, if he has got that information, let him say it now.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : I shall take your suggestion, Sir.

PRESIDENT : I understand from the honourable member that there are other grounds on which deviation has been made. Let us know what they are.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether, in the three instances referred to, where the senior-most persons were not available, the department wrote to the senior-most persons and whether it was only after ascertaining that they were not available that the vacancies were filled up ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir. In one case a lady was already appointed in the girls' branch under the Inspectress of Girls' Schools and in another case her whereabouts were not known and her appointment had to be cancelled.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : And about the third instance he referred to ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): She was appointed by the Inspectress of Girls' Schools and she had to be relieved to join her new appointment.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether preference given to applicants from unrepresented and back-ward communities is justifiable ?

PRESIDENT: That is a matter of opinion.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : When any departure from this waiting list is made in regard to appointments, are the Inspectors instructed that the Director's permission should be taken by the appointing authorities ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Not only the Director's permission, but Government approval should be obtained in most cases.

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MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): So, am I to understand that, with regard to the deviations made, the permission was taken by the Inspector or was not taken ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Permission was obtained by the Director from the Government.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether permission was taken in regard to the two deviations made ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No; not in those two cases in which the back-ward communities were shown preference.

MR. E. V. KRISANA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether in regard to any other case, seniority was over-looked ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I have answered that question, Sir.

Construction of roads in rural areas.

219. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have taken any action on the motion carried by the Assembly during the (1109) Budget Session regarding the construction of roads in rural areas in the State;

(*b*) whether any mofussil road has been constructed in the Chirayinkil taluk since that Budget Session; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reason therefor ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) For want of funds.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know from the Government whether they have considered the motion passed by the Assembly during the 1109 Session with regard to the construction of roads in rural areas ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The answer is that it has been considered.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether the Government thought it necessary to construct roads in rural areas ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The Government thought it necessary to construct roads in rural areas and we have estimates awaiting sanction of funds.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): A point of order. In the printed answer it is given that no action has been taken on the motion passed in the Assembly; but now the Government Member says that it has been considered. In view of the difference in the answers given, I wish to know whether the motion was considered and any action taken or it was not considered at all.

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